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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/788,787	Applicant(s) STERNBY ET AL.	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Leslie R. Deak. (3) David Resser.
 (2) John Murtaugh. (4) _____

Date of Interview: 15 January 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 29.

Identification of prior art discussed: US 5,830,365 to Schneditz, US 5,687,764 to Tanaka.

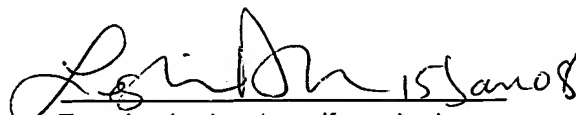
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's counsel presented a proposed amendment with limitations that claim the pivotable member in the valve that is blood-impervious and extends across the entire inside diameter of the valve chamber to create a seal. Such limitations, in combination with the previously presented limitation of the valve partition constructed of a width less than the peripheral width of each valve opening appear to overcome the disclosures of the Tanaka reference, especially figures 4A and 5A. Applicant's counsel further argued that the proposed amendment renders moot the double-patenting rejection over the combination of Sternby and Tanaka, since the proposed amendment overcomes the Tanaka reference. Examiner agreed that the proposed claims appear to overcome the prior art of record. Applicant's counsel will formally file the amendments and arguments, which will be considered by the Examiner.